

Minutes of Water Advisory Committee and Technical Advisory Committee  
October 5, 2009

Attendees: Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park  
Darrin Jenkins, City of Rohnert Park  
Laurie Gallian, City of Sonoma  
Toni Bertolero, City of Sonoma  
Damien O'Bid, City of Cotati  
Dennis Rodoni, North Marin Water District  
Drew McIntyre, North Marin Water District  
Chris DeGabriele, North Marin Water District  
Paul Helliker, Marin Water District  
Pam Torliatt, City of Petaluma  
Mike Ban, City of Petaluma  
Deborah Fudge, Town of Windsor  
Richard Burt, Town of Windsor  
Robin Goble, Town of Windsor  
Efren Carrillo, SCWA  
Shirlee Zane, SCWA  
Michael Thompson, SCWA  
Pam Jeane, SCWA  
Ann DuBay, SCWA  
Brad Sherwood, SCWA  
Grant Davis, SCWA  
Randy Poole, SCWA  
Spencer Bader, SCWA  
Steve Shupe, SCWA  
Matt Vail, SCWA  
Diane Lesko, SCWA  
Jay Jasperse, SCWA  
Don Seymour, SCWA  
Mark Bramfitt, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Krishna Kumar, Valley of the Moon Water District  
Richard Dowd, BPU, Santa Rosa  
Susan Gorin, City of Santa Rosa  
Miles Ferris, City of Santa Rosa  
Greg Scoles, City of Santa Rosa  
Glen Wright, City of Santa Rosa  
Jennifer Burke, City of Santa Rosa  
Steve Dittmer, City of Santa Rosa  
Linda Reed, City of Santa Rosa  
Pat Fruht, City of Santa Rosa  
Janet Reisner, City of Santa Rosa

Public Attendees: Brenda Adelman, RRWPC  
Bleys Rose, Press Democrat  
J. Dietrich Stroeh, CSW/Stuber-Stroeh Engineering  
Don McEnhill, League of Women Voters  
Tom Yarish, Friends of the Esteros  
Jim Downey, Penngrove/Kenwood Water District

H. R. Downs, O.W.L. Foundation  
Mike McGuire, Healdsburg City Council  
Carolyn Wasem, Airport Business Center  
Colleen Fernald, RRWC  
Donna Gallagher  
Bob Anderson, United Wine Growers  
David Keller, FOER  
Linda Berg, EMF Safety Network

1. Check In:  
Jake Mackenzie, City of Rohnert Park, called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. This meeting is a joint meeting with the Technical Advisory Committee.
2. Public Comment  
No comments regarding non agenda items.
3. Recap from the August 31, 2009 WAC Meeting & Approval of Minutes  
Susan Gorin made a motion to approve the minutes from August 31, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Dennis Rodoni. Minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Approval of the August 3, 2009 WAC/TAC Meeting Revised Minutes  
Susan Gorin made a motion to approve the revised minutes from August 3, 2009 meeting. The motion was seconded by Laurie Gallian. The minutes were approved unanimously.
5. SCWA Water Project Redirection and New Water Supply Strategies
  - a. Response to WAC Resolution  
Sonoma County Water Agency was urged not to take action to withdraw or modify the water delivery plan. The City of Sonoma filed a letter of protest on the Agency's proposed action. Santa Rosa, North Marin and Valley of the Moon took legal action to preclude the Agency from taking action on the Water Project Redirection and the court ruled not to pre-empt the Agency Board's action. A tolling agreement among those parties is being pursued to suspend any further legal challenges. The consensus was that a cooperative approach in creating any strategy or long range planning be implemented. Discussion ensued regarding clarification of the time line, action items and outcomes for 12 months or more. Longer range planning is preferred, possibly a strategy for the next decade. Chairman Mackenzie asked for approval for WAC to work with the Agency Board of Directors under their Resolution Action Item 1 and TAC to work with the SCWA senior staff to develop an implementation plan to reach their goals. Motion to approve, made by Susan Gorin and motion seconded by Mark Bramfitt. All approved.  
Public Comment:  
David Keller – supports implementation plans, however would like to see other stake holders included in meetings.
  - b. Comments on New Water Supply Strategies  
Chris DeGabriele asked the Water Contractors to submit comments on the SCWA New Water Supply Strategies. All are expected to be in by mid October and compiled by November to make a recommendation to the WAC.
  - c. Petition to Modify D1610 Minimum Instream Flow Requirements  
Petition was filed on 9/24/09 and the State Water Board has not yet responded.

6. Summer 2009 Water Contractor Statistics

a. Lake Storage

Chris DeGabriele reviewed statistics from the charts distributed at the meeting. Lake Mendocino storage has been preserved due to the Agency's efforts in controlling releases and water user conservation efforts. Water is available for the Fall releases to support returning Chinook Salmon.

b. Percent Reductions from 2004

There was a reduced daily demand of SCWA potable water deliveries calculated at 30.9% compared to 2004. The total potable does not include recycled water.

Public Comment – David Keller said they would be interested in statistics from Mendocino County. Diane Lesko, SCWA, said statistics are being collected from Mendocino County and included in reports to the State Board.

c. Water Conservation Programs Matrix

Reviewed matrices of residential, commercial and outdoor landscape water conservation programs. The handouts are not the most up to date. SCWA advised revised matrices will be sent out. Jake Mackenzie said back in April the WAC TAC did state that Water Conservation Programs would be revisited. There needs to be a consistent approach established for commercial water conservation. Laurie Gallian would like a report by TAC on more specific details. These details could help to find the most effective water programs that would help all contractors. The Sonoma Marin Saving Water Partnership has been adopted by all contractors but not the SCWA. TAC was requested to follow up on this.

d. Temporary Urgency Change Follow Up

Brad Sherwood, SCWA, said they are in the process of reporting as required. The responses are trickling in. The Year End Report is due to the State Board on December 31. Jake Mackenzie said the contractors want to be part of the process. The message to the public is that water conservation persists, although some contractors are rescinding their official stage one alerts. The TAC was requested to come back with a consistent water conservation message. Brad Sherwood will assist in developing the message.

Public Comment – Brenda Adelman felt that the message put out by the City of Santa Rosa was unclear regarding the rescinding of stage one alert.

Chairman Mackenzie wrapped up the subject, reminding the contractors and SCWA that transparency and collaboration is key and all contractors will not handle their conservation efforts in the same way.

7. Update on Agency Reorganization Activities

Randy Poole stated that the Water Agency has held back on the survey of elected officials due to litigation. They will be meeting to consider an internal reorganization. Chairman Mackenzie would like to come back to this item at another meeting.

8. Biological Opinion Status Update

Brad Sherwood invited everyone to attend the Biological Opinion implementation subcommittee meetings. They will be meeting monthly on the Monday prior to the WAC meeting. Matt Vail presented the Biological Opinion status update in a bullet format which made it easy to read.

9. Items for Next Agenda

- Debora Fudge and Susan Gorin met with business coalition to standardize policies for removal of commercial turf and new development. Discuss this at the November meeting and come back to it at the February 2010 meeting.

Adjournment

Colleen Fernald announced the Watershed Awareness Event coming up.

There being no further business to come before the Water Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on November 2, 2009 at 9:00 a.m.